Setting up a Bio-diesel plant in Andhra Pradesh

1533. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's first bio-diesel plant is planned to set up in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details therof;

(c) whether Government have received any similar proposals; and

(d) if so, the details and status of those proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEWAR): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment & Forests have informed that a proposal was received by them from M/s Southern Biofe Biofuels (P) Ltd. Hyderabad for 30 tonnes per day Bio-Diesel Production Project in Samsthan Narayanpur Village Choutuppal Mandal, Nalgonda District, Andhra Pradesh for endorsement under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM). The National CDM Authority has endorsed the project proposal.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Non-conventional Envergy Sources have not received any proposal for setting up bio-diesel plant in Andhra Pradesh.

Use of Non-conventional Energy in advertisement

T1534. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to promote use of non-conventional energy (sources) in advertisement, neon sign boards, decorations, hoardings etc., in various cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (c) Solar photovoltaic tecnology has the potential of meeting the power

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requirements of the road side advertisement displays, hoardings etc. and thereby, saving the conventional electricity. The financial viability of the system depends on the size and type of hoarding and the site conditions. The Andhra Pradesh Government has recently issued an order to the Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and Urban Development Authorities in the State for making use of solar energy for advertising hoarding and street lights. The Central Government may have to organize a series of consultations with Municipal Corporations and Urban Development Authorities to develop a plan for wider use of solar photovoltaics in the cities. One such consultation meet with Municipal Corporations and Urban Development Authorities is being organized on 6th September, 2004 to ascertain the views of Mayors and Muncipal commissioners.

Power gerneration through N.C.E.S. during Ninth Five Year plan

†1535. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for generation of power through non-conventional energy sources during the Ninth year Plan and the power generated in comparison to the target; and

(b) the total number of villages in Uttar Pradesh targeted to be supplied with power through these non-conventional resources during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) 1340 MW grid interactive renewable power capacity was added during the Ninth Plan period against the target of 1528 MW.

(b) Electrification of around 250 remote villages through various renewable energy systems/devices is under implementation in Uttar Pradesh during 2004-05.

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